

Battalion Editorials

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Not All Good nor All Bad

THOSE people who are puzzled and somewhat befuddled by the alliance and friendship which exists, at least on the surface, between the United States and Argentina should, perhaps, read Sherwood Anderson's short story "I Want to Know Why."

In that story, Anderson shows how a boy comes to know that a person is neither all good nor all evil but a baffling mixture of both.

Countries seem to follow that same pattern. It would be wonderful for our international planners if they could group all

Classified in the Lexington (Ky.) Herald: "Man to fry cook. Must be fast, polite, sober and clean-cut."

Indecision:

Big UN Weakness

ONE MAJOR Western deficiency is slowly becoming apparent. The big question is—who is running the show?

Some candidates for this honor are President Truman, the United Nations Assembly, Congress, and more recently General MacArthur. Authority as such has been watered down to the point that no one has enough of it to insure decisiveness.

Prime Minister Nehru, of India, takes a dim view of MacArthur's attempt to settle the Korean war "in the field." In his opinion authority for such decisions of policy does not rest with a field commander.

The forces under MacArthur's command are ostensibly U. N. forces, and this would imply U. N. direction. Unity of purpose is apparently one thing, and unity of action for this immature body is indeed something else. Empires could be won and lost while the endless debates continue.

Political bungling during World War II is the cause of many present difficulties in the diplomatic field. British leaders, for example, advocated meeting the Russians as far East as possible, but they were overruled by F. D. R. Had MacArthur not held firmly against all opposition, there would be a joint Russian-American administration for Japan at the present time.

Until the "military versus political" authority battle is settled, we will go along with the MacArthur plan.

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The Battalion

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions
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Some Things Considered

Daily Texan Enters Ayres' Case Again In Regents' Letter

By CLAYTON SELPH

THE DAILY TEXAN, student newspaper of the University of Texas, was spotlighted in the Legislative investigation of TU Economics Professor Clarence E. Ayres again yesterday in a letter from University officials read on the House floor.



Selph

The letter said stories in the Texan "failed to give a complete report or in some respects a correct impression of Dr. Ayres' speech . . . (it) was of a technical nature and on a technical subject . . . it is difficult to write a news report of such a speech which will be in all respects adequate and accurate."

Rep. Marshall Bell of San Antonio, author of the resolution charging Ayres with socialism, had quoted parts of the Texan stories in his resolution.

Bell's resolution passed the House 130-1 and a committee of University officials have made an investigation. The letter was a report of their investigation in which they would not fire Ayres.

The Regent's letter also pointed out that Bell had made a seven year date error in his resolution when he said the stories were 1950 Texan articles. The stories appeared in the Texan in 1944.

Representative Bell, after hearing the Regent's letter, said that is "just about what could be expected."

"I am studying the matter carefully, and when I do have something to say, I will put it down in black and white so there won't be any chance that I'll be misquoted like poor, dear Dr. Ayres," the Associated Press reported Bell as saying.

Later Bell said the Regents had failed to consider several books written by Ayres, although the books had been called to their attention.

Texan Has Backed Ayres Editorially

The Daily Texan has been giving the Ayres' case full coverage since its beginning and has backed Ayres' in its editorials.

Ronnie Dugger, former Texan editor covering the Ayres' story for the University daily, said in the newspaper's lead story Sunday morning that "University leaders have found no facts to justify firing Dr. Ayres. They told the House of Representatives which suggested his dismissal two weeks ago that Dr. Ayres is neither a Communist nor a subversive and that he has gone beyond the limitations which should properly control a professor of economics."

Quoting from the Regents' letter, Dugger's story said, "We must guard against forces that would keep from our youth the kind of training which will produce independent thinking."

A quote Dugger obtained from Dr. Ayres read, "I have never wavered in my confidence that the Board and the Administration would uphold the integrity of the University, and I think the entire faculty feels the same way."

The Daily Texan on its editorial page Sunday morning reproduced the five-and-a-half-page letter signed by University Regent Claude Voyles, Chancellor James Hart and President T. S. Painter.

And in a Sunday morning editorial, The Texan lauded the Regents' report to the Legislature as "one of the better policy statements to come from the University administration."

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Eight Scholarships Totaling \$2,833 to Be Given in Spring

Eight scholarships, totaling \$2,833, will be given this Spring to students by the Faculty Committee on Scholarships, provided qualified candidates are available. The basic qualifications for candidates are scholarship, evidence of leadership, and need of financial assistance. Students are invited by the faculty committee to submit applications in their own behalf, or in behalf of any student they feel deserving of a scholarship.

By English Department

Historic Display Set Up in MSC

An exhibit of rare books, manuscripts, photographs, and articles of general interest illustrating the heritage of Texas has been prepared by the Department of English in conjunction with Arts and Sciences Week and is now on display in the MSC.

The exhibit was made possible also by Louis Lenz, '07 who made available his time, knowledge, and library, Herbert Fletcher, bookseller and collector of Houston, Henderson Shuffler of College Station who contributed materials to the exhibit, and Stacy's Furniture Company in Bryan, for the furniture used in the display.

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countries under one of two categories — either good or bad.

But life and politics aren't that simple. Argentina seems overloaded with things which we Americans disapprove. Argentina is a dictatorship. And Dictator Peron is no benevolent despot. Some of his acts rival the undemocratic action of the Nazis. His ruining La Presna, Argentina's outstanding free newspaper, is despicable.

But Argentina has so much to offer us that it seems that we must tolerate its evil. If we turn against Argentina, we lose most of our Latin American allies. The Latin American countries have always sided together against the "Norteamericanos."

And Latin America has the men, natural resources, and twenty votes in the UN which we need to combat world Communism.

Classified ad in the East St. Louis (Ill.) Journal: "Party who took child's green car from porch please come back and get his candy."

Individualism, Freedom, and Living

THE OTHER day we read in one of our state newspapers the rather interesting story of a full time sidewalk engineer.

This man, an ex-used car dealer, spends his entire time strolling around the city of Dallas watching the erection of new buildings, the laying of water mains, and other construction work.

He's seventy-nine years old, has worked most of his life, and now received a small pension. The pension cares for his small physical needs and watching people build things seems to fulfill the universal human need for a personal mental interest.

Perhaps some of our more conventional friends will disapprove of the way the old man is spending his last years.

Not us. In fact, his story has a very strong appeal for us.

We appreciate the man for being an individual—catering to his own personal tastes regardless of the opinion of others.

And his story made us realize again how fortunate we are to be living in a country where our old men may live the last years of their lives secure from extreme poverty or fear of having to become homeless refugees from war.

Somerset (Pa.) Democrat: "Subscribe for the Democrat. No Waiting List."

LETTERS

All letters to the editor must be signed by the writer and free from obscene and libelous references. Letter writers wanting their name withheld must make a personal request to the co-editor. No unsigned letters will be published.

Student Senate Prexy Now on Bryan C of C

Editor, The Battalion: Following is a letter sent to Bill Parse, president of the Student Senate. I thought your publication might be interested in this invitation and if it is accepted will also be interested in future developments along this line.

With that in mind let me extend to you a most cordial invitation to have a representative present at our Board meetings or at any other meeting of this organization in which you might be interested.

N. Leslie Kelley, Jr., Manager Bryan Chamber of Commerce

Bill Parse, President A&M Student Senate At yesterday's regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Bryan Chamber of Commerce, it was voted unanimously to extend to you, as President of the Student Senate of Texas A&M College, a most cordial invitation to accept the position of honorary ex-officio Director of this organization.

Our meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at ten in the morning in the Board of Directors Room of the Chamber office. As you probably know this is located on the sixth floor of the Varisco Building. We try to limit the duration to one hour unless there is some item of extreme importance which requires additional time.

Chambers of Commerce are composed of all individuals and business organizations that are interested in the betterment of their community and are giving of their time, money and efforts on such a program. A&M College is represented. (See LETTERS, Page 4)

Bible Verse

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By Al Capp

(SOON AS IT'S IN HIS MOUTH— I PRESSES TH' DETONATOR. THAT'LL BLOW HIS HEAD OFF— LEAVIN' TH' REST O' HIM ABSOLUTELY UN-HARMED.)

W-TH DETONATOR STUCK DAT TIME— AN' NOW TH' DYNAMITE HAMBURGER IS IN HIS STOMACH— WELL, IT'LL BLOW THIS TIME — BUT TH' RESULT WILL BE A LOT MESSIER THAN I PLANNED!!